

1602] PROCLAMATION CONCERNING BUILDINGS
means, and being heaped together and in a sort
smothered with
many families of children and servants in one
house or small
tenement, it must needs follow that if any plague
or universal
sickness should by God's permission enter among
those multi-
tudes, it would spread itself not only in the
confines of the City
but throughout the whole realm

ib June A RICH CARRACK TAKEN

On ist June news came to Sir Richard Leveson
and Sir
William Monson, then being near the Rock, that
there was a
carrack and eleven galleys in Cezimbra Road ,
and on the next
day all the captains resorted on board the
Admiral to council,
which took up most part of the day At first there
was an opposi-
tion by some who alleged the danger and
impossibility of taking
the carrack, being defended by the castle and
eleven galleys, but
Sir William Monson so prevailed that they all
consented to go
upon her the next day

Early in the morning therefore, every man
commanding and
committing himself to God's tention and
protection expected
when to begin A gale of wind happening about
ten of the clock
the Admiral weighed anchor, shot off a warning
piece and put
forth his flag in the mam top The Vice-
Admiral did the hie
in his fore-top according to the custom of the
sea Every
captain encouraged his men, so that they which
were grown
weak and feeble before now revived and
bestirred themselves
as if a new spirit had been infused into them
The Admiral
was the first that gave the charge , after him
followed the rest
of the ships with no less resolution in the
commanders, showing
great valour and gaining great honour The last
of all was the
Vice-Admiral who, entering into the fight, still
strove to luS

up as near the shore as he could, where at
length he came to
anchor in such a place that he was continually
fighting with the
town, the fort, the galleys, and carrack all in one
instant, for
he brought himself betwixt them all that he
might play both
his broadsides upon them There might be seen
the oars of the
galleys swimming on the one side, and the slaves
forsaking them
on the other with offer to swim to us, everything
being in con-
fusion amongst them And thus they fought
till five of the
clock in the afternoon.